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SUBJECT: Longline gear Incidental Take summary for quarter 2, 2004

I am providing you with a summary report (see table) of the incidental take of marine mammals and sea birds that have been recorded by observers aboard longline vessels for April 1 to June 30, 2004. During the regular 8% coverage there were no (0) marine mammals , 36 sea turtles (32-leatherbacks-alive; 4-loggerheads-alive), and no seabirds (0) recorded by observers.

With reference to a special Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Project during the quarter, the table summary shows there were no marine mammals, 1 sea turtle (1-leatherback-alive), and no seabirds recorded by observers. Since no marine mammal or bird takes occurred during the quarter, no original Incidental Take forms are provided.

No Attachments.

cc: Cheryl Brown; Gerry Scott, Jim Bohnsack (cover letters only).

Table 1: Percent coverage (by sets),the incidental take of Protected Resource species (turtles, mammals, seabirds), and hook effort summarized by geographical area for April 1 - June 30, 2004. The summary includes a Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Project that called for voluntary participation of several pelagic longline vessels that required 100% observer coverage. (A=Alive, D=Dead, LB=Leatherback,LH=Loggerhead, U=unknown)

AREA	REQUIRED		TURTLES			MAMMALS		BIRDS	
	TOTAL	8%	A	D		A	D	A	D
	SETS	COVERAGE	LB/LH/U						
	OBSERVED								
CAR-1	16(8+%)	0	1/	1/	0	0	0	0	0
GOM-2*	81(5+%)	119	24/	0/	0	0	0	0	0
FEC-3	6(2+%)	18	1/	1/	0	0	0	0	0
SAB-4	37(7+%)	38	1/	2/	0	0	0	0	0
MAB-5	18(10%)	14	5/	0/	0	0	0	0	0
NEC-6	0( 0%)	7	0/	0/	0	0	0	0	0
<u>OFFSHORE</u>	<u>0( 0%)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0/</u>	<u>0/</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	158(6+%)	203	32/	4/	0	0	0	0	0

Hook effort Summary:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Hook effort</u>
CAR	11,743
GOM*	62,956
FEC	1,704
SAB	25,223
MAB	13,474
NEC	0
OFFSHORE	0
TOTAL	115,100

Note: \*-GOM area includes the effort provided below from the GOM PROJECT

AREA	SETS	COVERAGE	TURTLES			MAMMAL		BIRDS	
			A	D		A	D	A	D
			LB/LH/UN						
GOM-2	20	100%	1/	0/	0	0	0	0	0